

Aviation TWEB Route Forecasts will be terminated as of 00 UTC September 30th, 2007

As a pilot you encountered TWEB routes most frequently if you listened to the automated route recordings, also known as TIBS, when you called Flight Service for a weather briefing. The TIBS has been changed by Lockheed-Martin to use TAFs rather than TWEB routes.

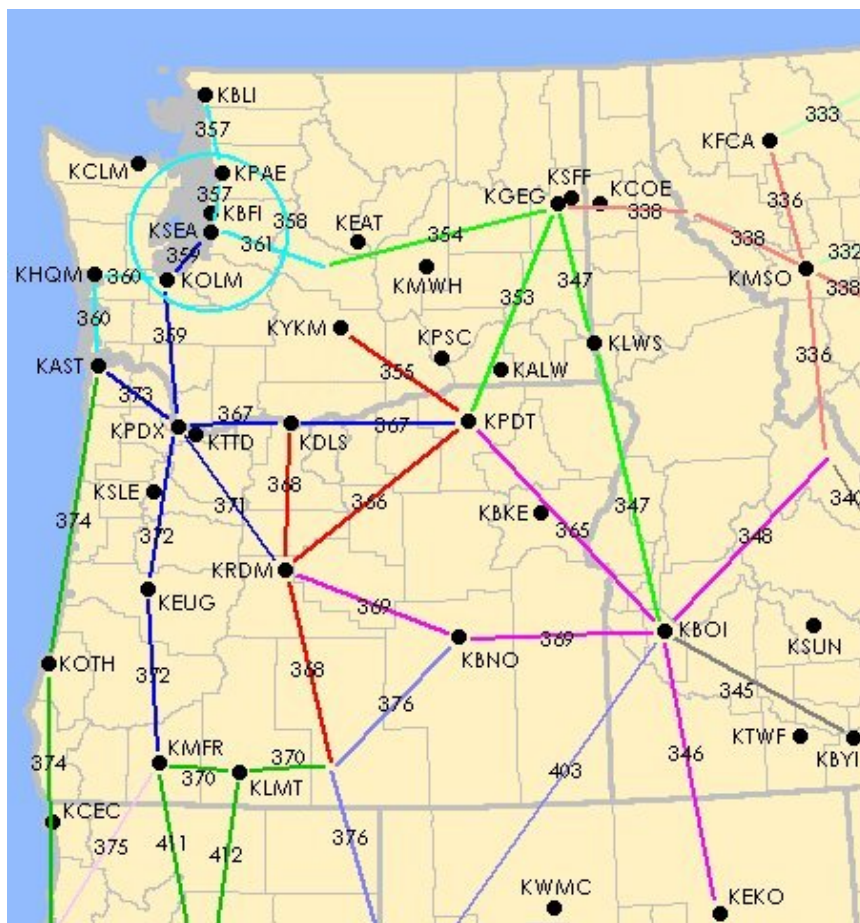
TWEB routes were also used like an Area Forecast to provide a departure or arrival forecast for an airport that did not have a TAF forecast. The main difference between the TWEB routes and the Area Forecast is that TWEB routes are prepared by local National Weather Service Forecast Offices in each state, while the Area Forecast for the entire nation is prepared by a duty shift of three forecasters located at the Aviation Weather Center in Kansas City, Missouri. The AIRMETs and SIGMETs are prepared by these same three forecasters.

Part of the TWEB route forecasts is an aviation weather synopsis prepared for each state.

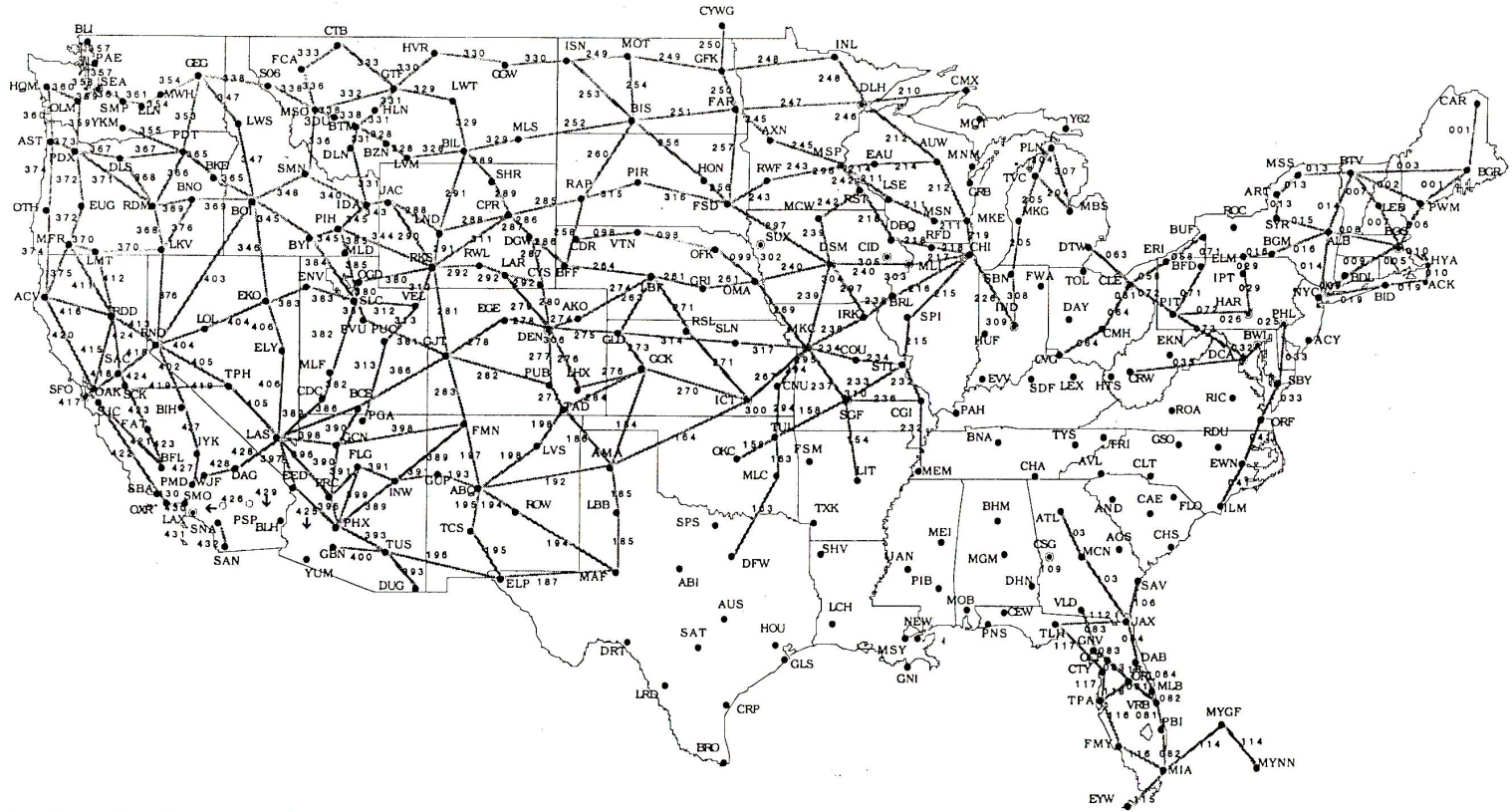
Again, these Aviation TWEB Route Forecasts will be terminated as of 00 UTC September 30th, 2007.

For people on Pacific Daylight Time, this will be 5:00 PM, Saturday, September 29th, 2007.

The following is a map of TWEB routes covering the Pacific Northwest.



Below is a national scale map of TWEB routes.



TWEB ROUTE LEGEND

- Local Vicinity Forecast
- Local Area Forecast
- 235 Route Forecast (Number)

Below is the official notice from the National Weather Service, notifying aviation users of the termination of TWEB route forecasts.

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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 07-44

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC

924 AM EDT WED JUN 27 2007

TO: FAMILY OF SERVICES /FOS/ SUBSCRIBERS
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION /FAA/ CUSTOMERS
OTHER NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ CUSTOMERS OF
AVIATION FORECASTS AND NWS EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF CONUS TRANSCRIBED WEATHER BROADCAST
/TWEB/ FORECASTS: EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30 2007.

NOAA/S NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE /NWS/ PROVIDES AVIATION WEATHER

PRODUCTS ACCORDING TO FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION /FAA/ REQUIREMENTS. FAA ORDER 7110.10S...FLIGHT SERVICES...DATED 16 FEBRUARY 2006 SUMMARY OF CHANGES STATES TWEB WILL ONLY BE PROVIDED IN ALASKA. FAA HAS STATED NO REQUIREMENT FOR CONUS TWEB FORECASTS ONCE THE AUTOMATED FLIGHT SERVICE STATIONS CEASE FUNCTIONING AND LOCKHEED-MARTIN CONTRACT FLIGHT SERVICE FACILITIES REACH FULL OPERATIONAL STATUS ON JULY 31 2007.

A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ABOUT ENDING CONUS TWEB FORECASTS ENDED MAY 20 2007 WITH A RESPONSE FROM LESS THAN 1 PERCENT OF POTENTIALLY AFFECTED GENERAL AVIATION PILOTS.

AN ANALYSIS OF COMMENTS SHOWED THAT THE TWEB IS NOT USED BY THE MAJORITY OF GENERAL AVIATORS IN ADDITION TO BEING NOT REQUIRED BY FAA. THEREFORE THE NWS WILL CEASE PRODUCING THE TWEB AT 0000 UTC SEPTEMBER 30 2007. THE NWS POLICY DIRECTIVE SYSTEM (PDS) 10-805...TRANSCRIBED WEATHER BROADCASTS...WILL BE UPDATED ACCORDINGLY. AN EXAMPLE OF THE TWEB PRODUCT WHICH IS BEING TERMINATED IS AS FOLLOWS:

406 TWEB 202008 KLAS-KELY-KEKO. ALL HGTS MSL EXC CIGS. KLAS-50S
KELY P6SM SCT250. 50S KELY-KEKO P6SM BKN150 SCT 6SM -TSRA
BKN120CB...04Z P6SM BKN120 SCT -SHRA.

REPEATING: THE NWS WILL CEASE PRODUCTION OF THE TWEB AT 0000 UTC SEPTEMBER 30 2007.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...YOU MAY CONTACT:

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